

Multidisciplinary Collaboration Funding Scheme

Guidelines

CEPAR is committed to supporting members of paid CEPAR academic staff (Levels B to D) develop and lead multidisciplinary projects closely aligned with the CEPAR research program.

1. Aim

The aim of the scheme is to provide seed funding for projects and activities which enhance multidisciplinary collaboration across and within CEPAR's four research streams.

2. Eligibility

Applications must satisfy the following criteria:

- 2.1. the proposed project leader must be a member of paid CEPAR research staff (Levels B to D) and have at least six months remaining on their employment contract*;
- 2.2. the project team must comprise at least two CEPAR members with at least one member drawn from outside the project leader's regular project team; and
- 2.3. the CEPAR project or activity must be novel and involve at least two distinct disciplines.

* For queries related to employment contracts, please speak to the CEPAR Director of Operations.

3. Activities supported

The following activities are supported:

- 3.1. new multidisciplinary projects; and
- 3.2. multidisciplinary workshops where a tangible outcome is anticipated e.g., publication, new collaborative project.

4. Allowable budget items and funding

- 4.1. Eligible budget items include research assistance; data and/or software purchase; travel to collaborate; workshop venue hire, catering and speaker expenses; and other research related items as negotiated with CEPAR.
- 4.2. The maximum value of an individual grant will be \$10,000.

5. Funding rounds and closing dates

- 5.1. The 2021 round will close 30 June. One funding round is held each year.

6. Applications

Applications must be made on the attached form and submitted by close of business on the due date. A Microsoft word version of the form is available on the CEPAR website at cepar.edu.au.

7. Assessment

7.1. Applications will be assessed by the Centre Director and two other Chief Investigators on the basis of the demonstrated likelihood to achieve the specified outcomes, including:

- feasibility;
- novelty and innovation;
- the proposed project's alignment with the CEPAR research program;
- the extent to which it involves other disciplines and members drawn from outside the project leader's regular project team;
- its potential to provide the basis for a larger research initiative; and
- budget justification and level of co-funding from nodes participating in the project.

8. Successful applicants

8.1. All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application within 21 days of the closing date for the round.

8.2. Within one month of the project's completion, the project leader must submit a one-page report on the outcomes of the collaboration.

9. Review

The program is subject to review at any time.

10. Further information

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